

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

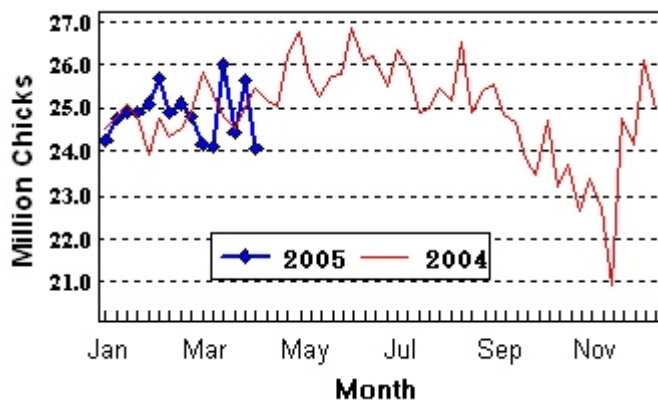
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending April 9, 2005. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down 6 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through April 9, 2005 were 373.0 million, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.7 percent.

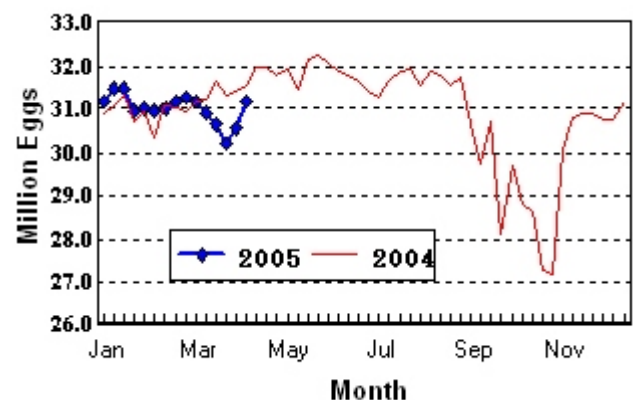
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 9, 2005, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 5	25,837	24,187	94	25,559	25,946	102	31,160	31,198	100
Mar. 12	25,314	24,126	95	25,468	26,142	103	31,225	30,893	99
Mar. 19	24,832	26,004	105	25,561	26,406	103	31,636	30,683	97
Mar. 26	24,532	24,483	100	25,833	26,218	101	31,331	30,173	96
Apr. 2	24,998	25,665	103	25,848	26,122	101	31,453	30,537	97
Apr. 9	25,450	24,086	95	26,033	25,690	99	31,533	31,153	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr		05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	09-Apr	
Alabama	30,143 *	30,671	30,740	30,445	100	21,620	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408	21,072	97
ARKANSAS	30,683 *	30,173	30,537	31,153	99	24,187	24,126	26,004	24,483	25,665	24,086	95
Delaware	4,071	3,809	3,943	4,031	105	5,948	6,085	5,964	5,408	4,962	5,544	113
Florida	1,358	1,359	1,356	1,353	101	1,503	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560	1,699	114
Georgia	33,439	32,855	31,702	33,111	99	27,800	27,155	27,484	27,635	27,362	27,040	106
Kentucky	6,698	6,876	7,183 *	7,254	107	5,679	6,485	5,824	6,064	6,051 *	5,425	94
Louisiana	4,135	4,133	4,165	4,165	105	3,581	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834	3,871	96
Maryland	8,981	8,858	8,566	8,782	99	5,122	4,921	4,785	5,529	5,763	5,311	98
Mississippi	19,617	19,665	19,539	18,866	97	17,817	17,544	17,492	17,543	17,641	17,940	108
N. Carolina	18,893 *	18,844	18,628	18,888	99	15,140	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148	15,361	102
Oklahoma	6,285	6,810	6,187	6,627	99	6,359	5,452	5,214	5,127	5,163	5,362	127
Pennsylvania	4,051 *	6,886 *	4,048 *	4,209	108	3,108	3,078	2,858 *	3,115 *	3,106 *	2,956	106
S. Carolina	5,247	5,275	5,196	5,106	135	3,957	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232	4,512	100
Texas	15,080	15,108	15,403	15,480	101	12,748	12,906	12,957	12,891	12,885	12,910	103
Virginia	6,778	6,749	6,678	6,601	99	4,447	4,997	5,523	5,442	5,320 *	5,703	101
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,750	18,295	18,228	18,701	105	17,251 *	17,578	16,252	17,239	16,543 *	16,780	103
Total 2005	213,209 *	216,366 *	212,099 *	214,772		176,267 *	176,772	176,235 *	176,840 *	176,643 *	175,572	
Total 2004	210,144	211,188	211,621	212,729		169,208	170,698	171,783	172,347	173,152	171,903	
%Prev. Year	101	102	100	101		104	104	103	103	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May	28-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 215 million eggs during the week ending April 9, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 9, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 9, 2005 were 2.45 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.